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SUBJECT: CTB NEGOTIATIONS: ISI SUBGROUP MEETING MARCH 8:
SOFRONOV STATEMENT

CTB MESSAGE NO.166

1. FOLLOWING IS DELEGATION TRANSLATION OF TEXT OF
STATEMENT DELIVERED BY SOFRONOV AT SUBJECT MEETING.

BEGIN TEXT: ON MARCH 3, AN ANALYSIS OF THE US DELEGA-
TION'S PROPOSALS ON THE SUBJECT OF SO-CALLED INTERNAL
SEISMIC STATIONS WAS SET FORTH IN THE STATEMENT OF THE
HEAD OF THE SOVIET DELEGATION. A CONCLUSION WAS MADE ON
THE BASIS OF THIS ANALYSIS THAT THE US PROPOSALS ARE NOT
ACCEPTABLE TO US.

WE STRESSED AGAIN THAT AGREEMENT HAD ALREADY BEEN
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REACHED AMONG THE DELEGATIONS TO THE EFFECT THAT NATIONAL
TECHNICAL MEANS SUPPLEMENTED BY AN INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE
OF SEISMIC DATA WOULD CONSTITUTE THE BASIS OF VERIFI-
CATION.

AT THE SAME TIME IT WAS STATED THAT "WE ARE PREPARED,
BY WAY OF TAKING A STEP TOWARD MEETING OUR NEGOTIATING

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PARTNERS HALFWAY, TO AGREE ON CERTAIN AUXILIARY VERIFICATION PROCEDURES WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF A SEPARATE AGREEMENT."

TODAY I WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT CERTAIN CLARIFICATIONS OF THE PRINCIPAL PROVISIONS STATED BY THE SOVIET DELEGATION MARCH 3.
- IT IS NECESSARY ABOVE ALL TO EMPHASIZE THAT OUR PROPOSALS ARE BASED ON A CONSIDERATION OF ALL ASPECTS RELATING TO THE POSSIBILITIES OF USING SEISMIC STATIONS OF OUR COUNTRIES FOR PURPOSES OF VERIFICATION.

FIRSTLY, WE ARE GUIDED BY THE NEED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE REAL STATE OF AFFAIRS WHICH PROVIDES THAT THE INFORMATION EXCHANGE COULD BEGIN WITHIN AGREED PERIODS AFTER THE AGREEMENT ENTERS INTO FORCE, REGARDLESS OF THE LEVEL OF DEVELOPMENT OF THE SPECIFIED TECHNICAL MEANS AT THE TIME.

SECONDLY, WE PROCEED FROM THE PREMISE THAT THE INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THESE STATIONS CAN FACILITATE ENHANCEMENT OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF VERIFICATION WITH REGARD TO IDENTIFYING SEISMIC EVENTS DETECTED BY NATIONAL TECHNICAL MEANS.

THIRDLY, WE ARE TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE FACT THAT OUR
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COUNTRIES HAVE ALREADY MADE CERTAIN DECISIONS REGARDING DESIGNATION OF THEIR SPECIFIC STATIONS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL SEISMIC DATA EXCHANGE.

FOURTHLY, IN MEETING OUR NEGOTIATING PARTNERS HALF-WAY, WE HAVE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT THE DESIRE CONCERNING AUTHENTICATION OF THE RETRIEVED SEISMIC DATA.

FIFTHLY, WE ARE FULLY TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE INTERESTS OF ENSURING NATIONAL SECURITY OF THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE AGREEMENT.

OF COURSE, DURING THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR PROPOSALS, WE USED TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT THE RESULTS OF THE ANALYSIS OF THE MATERIAL PRESENTED BY THE US DELEGATION, INCLUDING THE ANSWERS TO OUR NUMEROUS QUESTIONS. LET ME ONCE AGAIN THANK OUR PARTNERS FOR THE MATERIAL PRESENTED AND THE CLARIFICATIONS OF IT.

PROCEEDING FROM THE ABOVE, THE SOVIET DELEGATION AGREES FOR THE SEPARATE AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE FOR A BILATERAL SEISMIC DATA EXCHANGE BETWEEN ITS PARTICIPANTS. THIS PRO-

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VISION IS IN ACCORD WITH THE BASIC PRINCIPLE WHICH, AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, THE US DELEGATION WAS GUIDED BY IN PROPOSING THE SO-CALLED INTERNAL SEISMIC STATIONS.

1. WE BELIEVE THAT DATA RECEIVED AT THE SEISMIC STATIONS DESIGNATED FOR THE GLOBAL NETWORK OF THE INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE SHOULD BE USED FOR THESE PURPOSES. THIS PROVISION PRECLUDES ANY QUESTIONS OR MISUNDERSTANDING WHATSOEVER ON THE PART OF STATES PARTICIPATING IN THE INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE; SUCH QUESTIONS MIGHT ARISE IN THE

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EVENT THAT STATIONS INCLUDED IN THE INTERNATIONAL AND BILATERAL EXCHANGE WERE DIFFERENT. AT THE SAME TIME, AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, IN DESIGNATING THE APPROPRIATE STATIONS, BOTH WE AND YOU WERE GUIDED BY OUR INTEREST IN EFFECTIVE VERIFICATION, WITH ACCOUNT GIVEN AT THE SAME TIME TO NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS.

2. IT IS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE THAT EQUIPMENT AT THE SPECIFIED NATIONAL SEISMIC STATIONS MEET AGREED TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS. THE WORK OF AGREEING UPON SUCH TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED WITHIN A CONSULTATIVE BODY WHICH CAN AT THE SAME TIME TAKE INTO ACCOUNT BOTH THE SCIENTIFIC ARGUMENTS OF OUR SPECIALISTS REGARDING THE NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS, AND THE REAL LEVELS OF OUR COUNTRIES' STATIONS' CHARACTERISTICS, SO THAT THE BILATERAL DATA EXCHANGE WOULD BE EFFECTIVELY IMPLEMENTED IN THE

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TIME PERIODS THAT WOULD BE PROVIDED FOR.

3. WE AGREE THAT AGREED MEASURES FOR AUTHENTICATION OF THE RETRIEVED SEISMIC DATA BE PROVIDED FOR AT THE
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NATIONAL STATIONS DESIGNATED FOR THE EXCHANGE. AS WE HAVE EMPHASIZED, WE DO NOT BELIEVE IN FALSIFICATION OF SEISMIC INFORMATION. HOWEVER, IN MEETING YOU HALFWAY WE HAVS BEGUN TO STUDY THIF QUESTION AND ARE FULLY ATTEMPTING TO UNDERSTAND THE APPROPRIATE US TECHNICAL PROPOSALS. I THINK THAT WE MIGHT COME UP WITH OUR OWN PROPOSAL, OR WE MAY EXPRESS THE DESIRE TO UTILIZE THAT WHICH HAS BEEN DEVELOPED BY THE US SPECIALISTS. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT A COMPROMISE DESIGN WILL BE ADVISABLE.

PROCEEDING FROM THIS PREMISE, WE PROPOSE THAT THE AGREEMENT PROVIDE FOR A BASIC PROVISION ON AGREEING TO USE A TECHNICAL MONITORING DEVICE AT THE SPECIFIED STATIONS TO ENSURE AUTHENTICATION OF SEISMIC DATA. AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, A JOINTLY DEVELOPED OR OTHER DEVICE AGREED UPON BETWEEN THE SIDES CAN BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE. IT IS PROVIDED THAT ALONG WITH THIS, THE SIDES WILL DEVELOP AGREED PROCEDURES FOR INSTALLATION AND THE CONDUCT OF MAINTENANCE WORK FOR SUCH A MONITORING DEVICE.

4. PWE PROPOSE THAT THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE SEPARATE AGREEMENT USE AGREED CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATIONS FOR TRANSMITTING SEISMIC DATA. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS IS THE MOST FLEXIBLE FORMULATION WHICH ALLOWS EACH OF THE SIDES TO DETERMINE APPROPRIATE CHANNELS OF DATA TRANSMISSION FROM THEIR NATIONAL STATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGREED REQUIREMENTS.

5. WE PROPOSE THAT THE AGREEMENT SPECIFY MOST DEFINITELY THAT THE PARTIES WILL USE AGREED EQUIPMENT AND PROCEDURES SOLELY AND EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE PURPOSES OF VERIFICATION OF TREATY COMPLIANCE. THIS, OF COURSE, PERTAINS TO ALL EQUIPMENT AND INSTRUMENTS DESIGNED FOR
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RECORDING, AUTHENTICATION, AND TRANSMISSION OF SEISMIC DATA.

AT THE SAME TIME IT SHOULD BE PROVIDED THAT THE OPERA-TION OF NATIONAL SEISMIC STATIONS DESIGNATED FOR THE DATA

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EXCHANGE WILL BE CARRIED OUT STRICTLY BY NATIONAL PERSONNEL.

6. WE PROPOSE THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF SPECIFIC MEASURES FOR IMPLEMENTING THE SPECIFIED PROVISIONS SHOULD BE RELEGATED TO THE JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION. END TEXT. WARNKE

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